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1. At 0830 on 2 April 1955, when his ship passed the south spit of Hela (Hel) in clear weather,  five guns  The guns stood near the lighthouse and were emplaced in the dunes at a spot where the beach goes over to the wooded area at the rear.  The guns were visible only to an observer directly in front of them, they could not be made out from the sides.

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2.  Coming from the north, the first gun bore 233° true about 700 meters distant from the lighthouse. The gun itself was clearly visible. On the other hand, details of its mounting or the existence of shelters or earthen ramparts could be made out. The second gun bore 261° true in line with the lighthouse and was emplaced about 400 meters from the beach. No definite details of its emplacement could be made out. The third gun, bearing 272° with the lighthouse and about 400 meters distant from it, was in a detached position. A wooden camouflage-painted observation tower stood in a  the wood at the rear of the gun to which it belonged. The fourth gun, which also was in a detached position was covered with a grayish green camouflage net. It was well adapted to the surrounding area and was made out only with great difficulty. It bore 319° true in line with the lighthouse, about 300 meters distant from it. The fifth gun was mounted atop a flat concrete shelter painted gray. The shelter had an opening toward the sea. It bore 002° true with the lighthouse and was about 400 meters distant from it. The shelter was visible only from the south. The whole of the position stretched about 1,000 meters from the south spit of Hela. The guns were emplaced hardly more than 200 meters apart. The first gun, in the northernmost position, was adjoined by a vast barbed-wire system with four observation towers in the area.

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